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DOWN WITH THE KNOCKER.

FOR the past three weeks a wave of pessimism has broken over Tonopah and the man with an evil tongue has made himself busy circulating reports of the bluest tinge. Not satisfied with flaunting the suspension of work by several assessment prospects the knocker settled down to the business of inventing false and malicious reports which gained weight and magnitude with circulation until it was given out as a positive fact that several of the big producers were about to close their properties or abandon development. These reports went out broadcast in letters and telegrams from thoughtless citizens who did not take the trouble to make any investigation on their own account. In transmission the false stories lost none of their original cowardly intent, but were improved so that insinuations were given as cold facts and alleged facts were magnified until they bore no resemblance to concrete conditions. The latter were bad enough, but when they had been expanded in dissemination they succeeded in presenting a picture of lanky hue.

The facts are that five of the leading mining companies of Tonopah are undertaking extensive development work of an entirely new character, which show the managers are not taking a serious view of the present depression in silver. The circumstances affecting the market for silver certainly militates against realizing on the products of the mines, but none of the companies of Tonopah are sufficiently strong to be able to carry on their business like any other group of investors from the surplus which has accumulated during years of prosperity. The West End, which has been the target for all sorts of malicious reports for the last eight months, is in better physical shape than at any time in its history, and is not contemplating a shut down or contraction of work. That mine has more ore in sight today than it ever had and it is not violating any confidence to add that this ore is of a higher grade than has been lifted from the mine within the past year. The West End is stopping ore which runs from \$30 to \$50 a ton and these stopes are in large veins and not knife blade seams simply undergoing exploitation for the purpose of furnishing an optimistic report to stockholders. The Halifax, of which the West End owns fifty per cent, has paid its own way for the last four months and is in condition to continue producing at a rate equally satisfactory to the management. The suspension of shipments is due to the necessity for retrimming a portion of the shaft, and when that work is completed the production will be resumed.

The Tonopah Extension has expended approximately \$200,000 during the past six months enlarging its mill and developing the mine, and the management is so thoroughly convinced of the future of silver that Mr. Kirchen is planning deeper development on the Murray ledge, which would prove up that wonderful ore body to a depth of 1,470 feet and establish the rich resources of the western territory to the satisfaction of others owning undeveloped claims in that quarter.

On the Victor it is expected to have the new pumps operating inside ten days and this will enable the management to follow the receding water with a large force for the development of the property which has all the earmarks of a bountiful producer. By unwatering the Victor, Tonopah Merger and lower reaches of the Extension will benefit substantially.

The Jim Butler is completing improvements costing in the neighborhood of \$50,000 in preparation for a campaign of production which will raise that company to a parity with the best mines in camp.

Other plans are in the making that will contribute their share to the business of the camp and if the people would only resolve to look on the bright side of life they would be surprised to see how easily it comes to bring about a change in the sentiment of an entire community. There is no incentive to gross extravagance or excesses, but at the same time there is no reason for every person placing a tight cinch on his pocketbook and stopping all spending for fear of the future.

The millions of dollars invested in Tonopah represent capital that is not going to be scared by war clouds 5,000 miles away, and there is no cause for any unreasonable alarm.

ECONOMY IN STATE MANAGEMENT.

THE forecast of the inaugural address of Emmet Boyle, governor-elect of Nevada, contains some excellent features which should be commended to the careful consideration of taxpayers, but there is another factor in the cost of living in this state which has not been taken into consideration. This is the cost of operating through the present cumbersome and expensive system. The heaviest cost is due to the number of political divisions dependent on taxpayers for support. For instance, the state is divided into sixteen counties each with its own costly machinery of government, an array of deputies judges and court attaches, auditors, treasurers, sheriffs, district attorneys and commissioners. Each one draws salary and the payroll runs into enormous figures when taken in the aggregate. Many of these officials are busy for a short time of the year and the rest of the time they are off fishing after compelling the taxpayers to provide a deputy to operate their respective offices. On top of this incubus comes the state or central government with its own complete set of functionaries at gilded salaries with a corollary of satellites paid by the public at a rate out of all proportion to the actual value of the service rendered.

Nevada has less than 85,000 population to meet this payroll levied for the maintenance of seventeen distinct divisions of government, and it is

not surprising that this overhead charge should prove onerous. Efforts to colonize the favored portions of the arable country have not met with the success to which they were entitled, principally for the reason that taxes were too high to meet the views of farmers from the middle west who have been accustomed to paying much less for county support.

How to reduce taxes should receive the most serious consideration of the next legislature. It is not likely that any revolutionary movement to dispense with any of the counties will be entertained. It is within the province of the lawmakers to consolidate offices and cut down the cost of operating to as low a point as consistent with efficiency. This is neither the time nor place for perpetuating fancy salaries which should be brought within the scope of the same class of work in the commercial world. Retrenchment should be the watchword and no favorites should be played.

After reflecting on the mutations of sentiment as shown at the recent election Senator Newlands might find time to tell the people of Nevada something about what he has done for them. He refused to commit himself to a statement before election. Perhaps he is waiting to see if Sara Platt is going to contest the returns which let the incumbent in by the shadow of a whisker.

Even Turkey feels safe in taking a shot at the American flag. Under the grape juice policy of Secretary Bryan it is not safe for a Yankee to leave his native hearth.

An old timer suggests that the best way and shortest cut to a settlement of the Mexican embargo is to put Carranza and Villa in a closed room and let them fight it out.

BACK HAUL CASE COMES UP AGAIN IN WASHINGTON

H. F. Bartine, chairman of the Railroad Commission, has gone to Washington, where he will appear before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the final lap of the back-haul case. This is in the nature of a continuation of the hearing which took place in Chicago in October last, before Examiner Thurtell. At that hearing it was decided to submit the case on the record and by brief; the Interstate Commerce Commission, however, has since requested oral argument and Judge Bartine will represent Nevada, and will also appear for practically all of the interior west interested in this case.

While in Washington Mr. Bartine will attend a meeting of the representatives of other western states, when the Intermountain association will become a permanent organization. The Intermountain association was the result of a combination made at the Chicago hearing by all of the interests opposed to the granting of the railroads' petition at that hearing. It was intended that this combination would be but a temporary one, organized for the purpose of that particular case, but the strength shown by the confederation was so great that all represented strongly urged that it be made permanent. F. A. Jones, of the Arizona Corporation commission, was elected president, and Frank Healy, of the Nevada commission, was elected secretary. Appeal.

Proof of labor blanks for sale at the Bonanza.

SIDE WHEEL ENGINE WRECKED ON GRADE

LOCOMOTIVE AT YELLOW PINE ESCAPES FROM ENGINEER'S CONTROL.

The Shay locomotive used by the Yellow Pine Mining company of Goodenings on the heavy grade between the mine, the mill and the main line station at Jean, was totally wrecked last Monday. Leaving the ore bins at the mine with a heavy train, engineer Horace Barnes soon discovered that something was wrong, the engine failing to respond to any of his efforts to reduce speed. Finally he climbed down to the running board and looking under saw that the wheels were sliding on the track. With all brakes set the locomotive continued to gain speed, and with a sharp double curve just ahead the situation was serious. Having made every possible effort and failed, Engineer Barnes finally jumped to save himself. A moment later the engine left the track and was so completely wrecked as to be beyond repair.

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